

Why Not Boost Our Town?

The exemplary boosting campaign as carried out by the business men of Knoxville in their visitation of more than forty-three towns in four days in their special train only demonstrates what men can do when they get together. It is hoped that every town in their itinerary, and especially our town, may take on new life and enthusiasm and get together as they have never before.

We must be able to see the good that is in our town, the possibilities that lay before us, and get the habit of pulling together.

It is certainly gratifying to note improvement within the past year since the organization of our Civic League which stands for getting together, cleaning up, and making Berea a beauty spot on the Great Dixie Highway.

UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER TO GOD

Not long ago a good man defined conversion as "unconditional surrender to God." The definition may have some advantages, but it is not a good one. God does not seek surrender, but cooperation. If all God wanted was to have His own way, He could have had it by not making man at all. Since He has man on His hands He must do the best He can under the circumstances.

There was a Sunday school story told some fifty years ago in which a Scotch mother made a large and fragrant cake and set it on the lower shelf of the cupboard, and went away for the day, leaving her small boy, Donald, whom she told not to eat the cake. She was late in returning, and Donald became very hungry. Repeatedly he went to the cupboard and smelled the cake and wished for it so much, but obeyed his mother. On her return she praised him for his obedience, and made him some porridge for supper. He asked when he was to have the cake, and she told him the cake contained poison for the rats.

This story deeply impressed the present writer in his childhood, and made him feel the value of obedience, which the story was intended to convey to the Sunday School children of that time. But it seemed a little hard that Donald, after all his self-restraint, got only porridge. Viewed from the standpoint of the present, the writer knows that no mother should have done what Donald's mother did; she should have told Donald that there was poison in the cake and then should have locked it up.

It seems sometimes as if God had set the rat poison of life on a very low shelf and had permitted His children to get very hungry and long for it. But if so there is a better reason than the teaching of "unconditional surrender" to His will. There is no way in which God can reveal His will to us except through the medium of the human reason; there is no way in which we can test how reasonable the will of God is except through our own reason.

This is more than "unconditional surrender." When the Civil War ended, Generals Joseph Wheeler and Fitz Hugh Lee surrendered to the Federal government. So far, so good. But they might still have been very undesirable citizens. When the Spanish-American war broke out, they both fought under the Stars and Stripes. That was something more than unconditional surrender. God wants soldiers, not prisoners of war.

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IN OUR OWN STATE

Immediate organization of the Tax Commission is expected following a conference Wednesday with Governor Stanley. All the members of the commission were in Frankfort.

The State's right to levy assessment against the authorized capital of a corporation, all of whose property and business is in Kentucky, is to be decided by ruling in a case submitted on briefs to Judge Robert L. Stout in Franklin Circuit Court last Friday.

S. H. Thorpe Assists in Moonshine Raid

Deputy Collector Thorpe of Richmond recently took part in a lively raid on a "moonshiners' still" on Cranks Creek in Harlan County. It resulted in a considerable fight. None of the posse of men who made the raid were hurt, but Wash Garrett, a notorious moonshiner, was killed. Garrett vowed that he would never allow himself to be taken alive by revenue men. Officers had been on the lookout for him for several years.

Bootlegging a Felony

It will be remembered that among the bills passed at the recent session of the Kentucky Legislature is one which provides that the second conviction for bootlegging shall be a felony, punishable by a term in the penitentiary of from one to two years. This measure received a unanimous vote in the House and only one dissenting vote in the Senate.

Estill County to Have Good Roads Rally

A meeting was called at the Court-house in Irvine for April 15 in the interests of the road problem now confronting that county. The Estill County Good Roads Association and the Estill Fiscal Court were the instigators of this called meeting. The main object of the meeting is to determine the best course to pursue in order to provide better roads for the county. Every citizen is expected to be present and to take part in this important matter.

Judge James P. Adams Fearless

At the opening session of the Circuit Court at Jackson, Breathitt County, in bitter and fearless terms did Judge Jas. P. Adams denounce the illegal sale of whiskey in Breathitt County and declared that the traffic must stop now and that he would not cease until not a drop of whiskey could be secured in the county. In his charge to the grand jury he referred to the former elections in which ballot boxes had been stolen and burned and demanded them to begin to clean up election crookedness in Breathitt County, and intimated that if this Grand Jury did not properly discharge its duty other men were available.

Breathitt Boy Off to Mexico

Alex H. Smith, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. M. Forbes for some time, left Tuesday on the ten train for Fort Bliss, Tex., where his company is stationed. Mr. Smith will report to Fort Bliss but will join his company wherever it may be in these troubled times. He will be along the border and likely will see service in old Mexico in a short time. Smith is on his fifth enlistment and will likely stay in the service until he retires. He has a large number of kinsfolk and relatives in Breathitt county and The Times will gladly publish any news he may send it or any letters to his relatives and friends.—Jackson Times.

Organ Recital

Professor Taylor of Berea College, assisted by the Male Quartette, of that institution, gave an organ recital in the Christian Church in this city last Sunday evening. Professor Taylor is a master, with the master touch, and his recitals are events. The beautiful, rich chords vibrating in the memory throughout the after years. The Quartette was a wonderful addition and the members showed the power of natural ability and training. The commodious building was taxed to its capacity by a delighted and appreciative audience.—Richmond Pantagraph.

All teachers should read the Normal column this week and next and get the benefit of Doctor McBrien's lecture.

Filial Fondness.

"What is in the mail for daughter?" asked mother, eagerly. "A thousand kisses," answered father, grimly, "and sixteen handkerchiefs, two waists and four batches of ribbons for you to wash and me-d."—Kansas City Journal.

U. S. NEWS

Financial assistance toward the establishment of a church of any denomination in the Colorado mining camps has been promised by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The annual Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Bill, carrying \$40,000,000, passed the House Tuesday by a vote of 210 to 133, with every item as agreed on in committee unchanged.

An amendment providing for seventy-five hours of vocational instruction for United States soldiers in time of peace was added to the Army Increase Bill by the Senate Friday.

The 45,000 persons on the grounds of the Panama California International Exposition, Dedication Day, March 18, were given a hint of the feeling that must be experienced by Europeans when a company of hostile aeroplanes fly overhead. Six government aeroplanes, piloted by aviation record holders, appeared over the Exposition grounds during the afternoon in military formation and after circling the grounds several times, dropped baskets of small American flags.

GERMANY DENIES SINKING SUSSEX

Evidence Tends to Show Ship Was Torpedoed.

SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

President Wilson Very Likely Will Take the Issue to Congress—Diplomatic Break Between Two Governments Probably Will Follow.

Washington, April 11.—Count von Bernstorff communicated to Secretary Lansing Germany's official disclaimer of responsibility for the disaster to the channel liner Sussex. Despite the evidence which the United States has collected tending to show that a submarine attacked this ship, Germany now considers the incident closed. The ambassador did not remain more than five minutes at the state department.

Germany's official note, backed by a determination not to yield to any further modification of submarine warfare has at once made the issue clear cut and well defined between the two governments. Apparently President Wilson must press his case or drop it. Germany holds out no promise of compromise. A distinct feeling of reserve, punctuated by disappointed expressions of opinion, marks the attitude of officials here. Great pressure is already being exerted upon the president to stand firm and see the matter through. Probably no one knows what is in the president's mind.

His advisers, including Secretary Lansing, are in favor of basing the administration's attitude on the cumulative evidence of German submarine attacks which have jeopardized the lives of Americans on the high seas, and news comes from authoritative sources that the likelihood of the president's taking it up with congress is not remote. This would be preliminary to a diplomatic break between the two governments.

SOLDIERS WANT TO 'COO'

Boys in Mexico Make Plea For Pipes and 'Makins.'

Army Base, Colonia Dublan, Mexico (by aeroplane to Columbus, N. M.), April 11.—The people of the United States are breaking their necks to get tobacco to the men in the trenches in Europe. Why not try to relieve the strain here by sending tobacco and papers and a few "Missouri meerschaums" to the men in Mexico.

I don't know whether or not the censors will permit this suggestion to go through but if they do, they will bestow a lasting favor upon the tobacco consumers, soldiers and civilians now in the land of the Montezumas. (Censored by M. C. Shallenberger, aide to General Pershing).

PREPARE FOR CONVENTION

Indiana Democrats Consider Planks For Platform.

Washington, April 11.—The Democratic members of congress from Indiana are taking steps to assist in starting the party off on the right foot at the state convention to be held at (Continued on Page Five)

VILLA DODGES U. S. TROOPS

Asserted Bandit Chief Is Badly Wounded.

MORE PLOTTERS ARRESTED

Mexicans, Charged With Plotting to Start Another Revolution, Jailed at El Paso by United States Authorities.

El Paso, Texas, April 11.—Pancho Villa, who is leading the American army a chase through the mountains of northern Mexico, was reported at Lado, just over the Dugrango state line, southeast of Parral, and southwest of the city of Chihuahua. This was the unconfirmed rumor about the streets.

Every day rumors place Villa at given localities as he proceeds south, but nobody seems to know where the rumors originate, but they get wide circulation and some credence.

The information from General Pershing's headquarters stated that the American army continues its pursuit of the bandit leader and his men, and that the work of the American expedition is proceeding satisfactorily.

The provision situation has been relieved to a large extent by the shipment of supplies over the railroad from Juarez in addition to those taken by the trucks. Ten more cars of supplies went south from Juarez consigned to private individuals who will sell them to the army.

General Berliani, who commands the Carranza troops in the region where portions of the American army is operating arrived in Juarez from his headquarters at Madera. He said he came for a conference with General Gavra, the Juarez commander. Gen. Berliani reported that one of his commands had fought with the Villistas on Thursday last, and had badly defeated the bandit band at San Francisco De Borja. He said the Villista troops left behind a number of dead and a considerable supply of arms.

He believed, he said, that Villa personally is somewhere south of Parral, as he received authentic reports Villa was at Camargua only sixty miles north of Parral.

He asserted that in addition to being wounded, Villa is also suffering from a broken leg, sustained when the bandit chiefs' horse fell upon him.

"Pancho Villa is wounded so badly that he is apt to die of infection and blood poisoning before the American army or the Carranza army ever captures him," said Gavra in Juarez.

"I have confirmation from many sources that Villa is badly wounded. I understand that the wound is a bad laceration of the knee and thigh. Gen. Berliani has secured this information from our own men who were prisoners in Villa's camp and were released in the battle between the American troops at San Geronimo. We have it that Villa's personal following has been reduced to 150. With such a small band, he is naturally able to travel quite fast, but in the event of an engagement with other troops he would be annihilated and it is only a question of hours when he will be taken prisoner or killed."

General George Bell, Jr., commanding the border patrol here, was advised that the two companies of the Twenty-fourth (negro) infantry stationed at Del Rio would be sent into Mexico for duty at the request of citizens of Del Rio, who asked for their recall following a riot in Del Rio in which an officer shot one of the soldiers.

Department of justice officials have caused the arrest of General Marcell Caraveo, his brother Samuel, General Jrudencio Meranda, General Zaragoza and Jose Rochin in connection with a reported plot to start a new revolution in Mexico with General Ynez Salazar at its head. Alfredo Baca, attorney for Salazar, also was detained for several hours, but later released. Two others, all prominent in Mexican revolutionary affairs, are in jail.

VILLA'S SURRENDER RUMORED

Former Agent of Bandit Confers With United States Officers.

Columbus, N. M., April 11.—Sam Dreden, one time machine gun operator for Pascual Orozco, later for Francisco Villa, in Mexico, reached here from El Paso and had a conference with Mayor W. R. Sample, commander of the Pershing base. It is said the conference had to do with the present chase after Villa.

Whether Dreden brought a surrender proposal from Villa or offered to pilot the American troops to the hiding place of his former chief, was not learned.

Dreden is a Philadelphian and during the height of Villa's career in Mexico, was one of the Villa ammunition agents on the border, working under Felix Sommerfeld, in New York.

WORLD NEWS

No essential change has taken place during the week either on the western or the eastern frontier of the European war. The Germans have not been able to force a way into Verdun, nor have the Russians been able to push the Germans back from Russian soil.

The Russian Duma, has succeeded in bringing to light great abuses in the management of the railroads in transporting supplies and munitions. Large quantities have been allowed to pile up at points where they were not needed waiting for graft money to be paid for their shipment. Strong measures are being taken and several officials have been discharged.

Germany has at length sent a message to the United States denying that the Sussex was torpedoed by her submarines. Investigations on the part of American officials point in an opposite direction but the chain of evidence has not yet been made complete, and no action can or should be taken until it is. In the case of the Hesperian the United States reached a conclusion too hastily and had to change it on further evidence.

England is tightening the lines on Germany's last holding in Africa. It is most important of all to England because it lies between her interests in Egypt to the north and the colonies in South Africa. England has long coveted a direct line across the eastern part of Africa for the whole length of the continent.

Both the German Chancellor, in his speech before the Reichstag, and the Foreign Minister of Germany are strong in their assertion that Germany has not any intentions of interference in the affairs of either North America or South America, should she be victorious in the present war.

The Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the birthday of King Albert of Belgium during the week, by distributing little flags of that country throughout the United States and selling them at a small cost to secure a fund of one million dollars to be sent to aid in the Belgian relief work.

China's changes are about as frequent as the weeks themselves. Now she is back again from a republic to an empire. The Emperor Yuan Shi Kai declares he wishes to keep neutral in the European war and to devote the energies of his land to industrial development and education of his people. China however, faces a problem of succession for some of the southern provinces are much dissatisfied.

The week has not ended the American expedition into Mexico. Villa has succeeded in getting farther south and is thought to be in command of quite a following. Our troops have gone a distance of four hundred miles into Mexico and are expecting to clash with Villa again, before long. The original order by which our forces crossed the border, much to the surprise of the public, does not require the actual capture of Villa or his death but only the breaking of his power.

MARSHAL VON HARSLER

Oldest Officer on Active Duty in German Army.

